

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
OF THE
ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

Allow me to present my seventh Annual Report on the Sanitary state of the Rothwell Urban District.

The Vital Statistics of the Town of Rothwell may be summed up as follows :

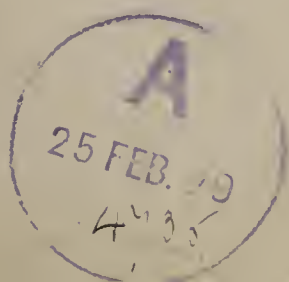
- 1.—Area of Sanitary District, 3476 acres.
- 2.—Population estimated at 4370.
- 3.—Density of Population, 1·25 per acre.
- 4.—Increase of Population, 22·22 per 1000.
- 5.—Births, 125. Males, 69 ; Females, 56.
- 6.—Birth rate, 28·60 per 1000.
- 7.—Deaths, 58. Males, 27 ; Females, 31.
- 8.—Death rate, 13·27 per 1000.
- 9.—Infant mortality under one year, 184 per 1000.

Of the 58 Deaths which took place during 1898, no less than 23 occurred under one year. The other periods of death were as follows :

Under one year	...	...	...	...	23
Over one and under five years	...	...	...	...	7
Over five and under fifteen years	...	...	...	...	2
Over fifteen and under twenty-five years	...	...	...	...	4
Over twenty-five and under sixty-five years	...	...	...	...	13
Over sixty-five years.	...	...	...	...	9
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The following were the certified causes of death as returned to the Registrar.

Bronchitis	...	...	8	Acute Laryngitis	...	1
Pneumonia	...	...	4	Carbuncle	...	1
Sclerosis	...	...	1	Atrophy	...	2
Broncho-pneumonia	...	...	2	Peritonitis—Tubercular		
Convulsions, from Tubercular Meningitis and Dentition	...	...	4	c Ascites	...	1
Epilepsy	...	...	2	Apoplexy	...	3
Morbus Cordis	...	...	1	Typhoid Fever	...	1
Premature Birth	...	...	5	Measles	...	1
Pernicious Anæmia	...	...	1	Diarrhœa	...	2
Cancer	...	...	5	Non-development	...	1
Cyanosis	...	...	2	Enteric Fever—Spinal Meningitis	...	1
Cardiac Dropsy	...	...	1	Senectus	...	1
Tubercular Meningitis	...	...	3	Cardiac Disease, Inquest	...	1
Cerebral Hæmorrhage	...	...	2	Gastritis	...	1
			41			17
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As will be seen, from above, Bronchitis, again heads the list, though, as compared with last year, not to the same degree, there being only eight as against eleven of that period. Pneumonia comes next, four cases being returned, instead of one. Again! I have to record four cases of Premature Birth, a slight improvement on last year, when we had six. I think, when looking at the Death Rate of this, as compared with that of last year, we have reason for a certain amount of jubilation, as we have 13·27 as against 15·90. These figures are perhaps not much to boast of, but still there is an improvement, and we must strive to get this death rate still lower.

A town increasing so rapidly as Rothwell is, its Sanitary condition cannot be expected always to keep pace with its growth—time is, and must be required to perfect its system of drainage. Keeping this in view, we don't think there is much to complain of.

As usual the principle Cow-sheds and Piggeries were looked at in our round of inspection and were found in a fairly satisfactory condition.

The Recreation Ground with its commodious Bath will soon be completed, and we confidently look forward to these being not only a source of pleasure to the inhabitants, but decidedly conducive to the general health.

We have again to draw attention to the defective draining of some of the property in Wales Street. This should be remedied, as epidemic disease only wants a beginning to prove of serious import. With one exception we have met with no serious instance of overcrowding, but the occupants of the house referred to, we are glad to say, are quite prepared to move as soon as they can get a house.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

JAMES MORE, M.D.

Rothwell,

Feb., 1899.

